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LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN ZIMBABWE, LUSAKA SEPTEMBER 26, 1976

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING  
IN LUSAKA AT 1535 HRS LOCAL TIME:

ON THE 26TH AND 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1976 IN LUSAKA,  
CAPITAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA, PRESIDENTS JULIUS K.  
NYERERE OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, SIR SERETSE  
KHAMA OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA, SAMORA MOISES MACHEL OF  
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE, AGOSTINHO NETO OF THE  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA AND KENNETH D. KAUNDA OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA MET TO REVIEW THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS  
OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE  
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AGAINST BRITISH COLONIALISM AND THE RACIST AND ILLEGAL

MINNIXITY REGIME.

THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE, THE AFRICAN  
AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
SANCTIONS AND CO-ORDINATED ACTION OF ALL ANTI-COLONIALIST  
FORCES AND STATES HAVE TOGETHER BROUGHT THE ISOLATION AND

COLLAPSE OF  
THE ILLEGAL RACIST MINORITY REGIME IN THE  
BRITISH COLONY OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

THE PRESIDENTS HAILED AND CONGRATULATED THE PEOPLE  
AND FIGHTERS OF ZIMBABWE WHOSE HARD AND HEROIC ARMED STRUGGLE  
FORCED THE REBEL REGIME AND THE ENEMY IN GENERAL TO RECOGNISE

AND ACCEPT THE INEVITABILITY OF MAJORITY RULE; THE NEED  
TO ESTABLISH IMMEDIATELY A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT TO  
IMPLEMENT THIS PRINCIPLE. THUS THE VICTORIES ACHIEVED BY  
THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE IN THEIR ARMED STRUGGLE CREATED THE  
PRESENT FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE CONVENING OF A  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE.

THIS IS A VICTORY FOR ALL AFRICA AND MANKIND AND  
PARTICULARLY FOR ALL THOSE COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES WHO MADE  
SACRIFICES SO THAT THE BROTHERLY PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE CAN BE  
FREE.

NOW THAT THE PRESSURES OF ARMED STRUGGLE HAVE FORCED  
THE ENEMY TO ACCEPT MAJORITY RULE AS A CONDITION FOR IMMEDIATE  
INDEPENDENCE, THE FIVE PRESIDENTS CALL UPON THE COLONIAL  
AUTHORITY, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO CONVENE AT ONCE A  
CONFERENCE OUTSIDE ZIMBABWE WITH THE AUTHENTIC AND LEGITIMATE  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE:

- (A) TO DISCUSS THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE TRANSITIONAL  
GOVERNMENT;
- (B) TO ESTABLISH THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT;
- (C) TO DISCUSS THE MODALITIES FOR CONVENING A FULL CONSTITUTIONAL  
CONFERENCE TO WORK OUT THE INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION;
- (D) TO ESTABLISH THE BASIS UPON WHICH PEACE AND NORMALCY CAN  
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BE RESTORED IN THE TERRITORY.

TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS TWO PHASES ARE ENVISAGED.  
THE FIRST PHASE WILL DEAL WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN  
AFRICAN MAJORITY TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. THE SECOND PHASE  
WILL BE CONCERNED WITH WORKING OUT THE DETAILS OF THE  
ZIMBABWE INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION.

THE PRESIDENTS HAVE CAREFULLY STUDIED THE PROPOSALS  
AS OUTLINED BY THE ILLEGAL AND RACIST REGIME WHICH IF ACCEPTED  
WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO LEGALISING T F COLONIALIST AND RACIST  
STRUCTURES OF POWER. ANY DETAILS RELATING TO THE STRUCTURE  
AND FUNCTIONS OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE LEFT  
TO THE CONFERENCE.

THE FIVE PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO  
THE CAUSE OF LIBERATION IN ZIMBABWE AND THE ARMED STRUGGLE.  
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